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SUBJECT: ICEM SPRING SESSIONS: SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT

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1. U.S. REP TOOK OCCASION OF ICEM SUBCOMMITTEE ON COORDINATION OF TRANSPORT MEETING MAY 16 TO REQUEST EXPOSITION OF PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY ICEM ADMINISTRATION IN ALLOCATING MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEES TO VARIOUS AIRLINES, WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO FLAG CARRIERS OF MEMBER STATES. RESPONSIBLE ICEM OFFICIAL (CHRISTENSEN) RESPONDED THERE WERE ONLY 23 FLIGHTS CHARTERED BY ICEM IN 1976, THREE FROM ASIA TO U.S. WEST COAST (ALL U.S. CARRIERS), 19 FROM BEIRUT TO ATHENS (MEA), AND ONE TO CARRY KURDS FROM TEHERAN TO FRANKFURT. WHEN BIDS FOR CHARTERS EXAMINED, AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS (PRICE, EQUIPMENT, DATE/TIME OF OPERATION, ETC.) ARE EQUAL, PREFERENCE IS ALWAYS GIVEN TO MEMBER GOVERNMENT CARRIERS.

2. ON GROUP AND REGULAR COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS, ICEM MADE EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN LOWEST POSSIBLE RATES FROM AIRLINES OF SENDING AND RECEIVING COUNTRIES, AND THEREUPON TO SHARE BUSINESS BETWEEN THEM AS NEARLY EQUALLY AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTENSEN SAID THAT IN 1976, DESPITE VARIOUS TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, ICEM HAD BEEN ABLE TO DIVIDE THE \$16.9 MILLION TRANSPORTATION COSTS VERY FAIRLY BETWEEN  
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MEMBER GOVERNMENT AIRLINES, AND OFFERED TO PROVIDE STATISTICS, WHICH U.S. REP ACCEPTED. THESE SHOWED THAT IN MOVEMENTS TO U.S. IN 1976, U.S. FLAG CARRIERS TRANSPORT AMOUNTED TO 57.7 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL BY VOLUME, AND 58.8 PERCENT (\$4.67 MILLION) BY VALUE.

3. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR THIS INFORMATION, U.S. REP SAID IT WAS REASSURING TO KNOW THAT MEMBER GOVERNMENT AIRLINES WERE GIVEN

PRIORITY TREATMENT, AND HOPED THAT THIS POLICY WOULD BE WELL  
MAINTAINED WITH RESPECT TO U.S. FLAG CARRIERS, ESPECCALLY WITH  
REGARD TO THOSE MOVEMENTS IN WHICH U.S. HAD PARTICULAR INTEREST.  
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